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SUBJ: SOMALI APPROACH TO USG CONCERNING POSSIBLE ECONOMIC AND MILI-
TARY ASSISTANCE

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1. DURING CALL ON MFA DIRECTOR AFRICAN DEPARTMENT AHMAD SIDQI
MARCH 30 TO DISCUSS SITUATION IN HORN AND CUBAN/SOVIET ACTIVITIES
IN AFRICA (SEPTELS), SIDQI TOLD EMBOFFS TAHT GOE UNDERSTOOD
SOMALI AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON HAD RECENTLY MADE OFFICIAL
DEMARCH TO US REQUESTING US MILITARY AND ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE.
SIDQI SAID AS RESULT REALIGNMENTS TAKING PLACE IN HORN,
PARTICULARLY INCIPIENT SOVIET/ETHIOPIA RELATIONSHIP, PRESIDENT
SIDA WISHED TO REDUCE SOVIET INFLUENCE. HOWEVER, SIDQI SAID,
SOMALIA WAS NOT WILLING TO GIVE UP SOVIET RELATIONSHIP WITHOUT
ASSURANCE THAT AT LEAST EQUAL AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT
WOULD BE FORTHCOMING FROM US AND ITS FRIENDS.

2. SIDQI BELEIVED THIS WAS OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO PLAY DECISIVE
ROLE IN COUNTERING SOVIET/CUBAN OFFENSIVE IN AFRICA. HE
UNDERSTOOD, HOWEVER, THAT US HAD NOT RESPONDED TO SOMALI REQUEST.
HE SAID US APPARENTLY STILL SUFFERING FROM "ANGOLA COMPLEX".
SUCH US TIMIDITY AND CAUTION IN FACE OF GROWING CUBAN/SOVIET
OFFENSIVE, AS DRAMATIZED BY CASTRO AND PODGORNYY VISITS, WAS
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LEADING MANY AFRICANS TO CONCLUDE THAT US WOULD PLAY ONLY PASSIVE
ROLE IN AFRICA.
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